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English translation of Abstract enclosed. The DE patent 2735477 appears to show a device that requires the use of an additional seal element.
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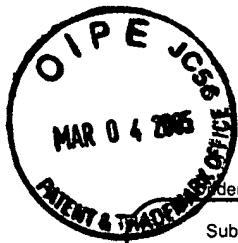
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